

Rohrabacher	Shea-Porter	Titus
Rooney	Sherman	Tonko
Ros-Lehtinen	Shimkus	Tsongas
Roskam	Shuler	Turner
Ross	Simpson	Upton
Roybal-Allard	Skelton	Van Hollen
Royce	Slaughter	Velázquez
Ruppersberger	Smith (NE)	Visclosky
Ryan (OH)	Smith (NJ)	Walden
Ryan (WI)	Smith (TX)	Walz
Salazar	Smith (WA)	Wasserman
Sánchez, Linda	Snyder	Schultz
T.	Space	Waters
Sanchez, Loretta	Speier	Watson
Sarbanes	Spratt	Watt
Scalise	Stearns	Waxman
Schakowsky	Stupak	Weiner
Schauer	Sullivan	Welch
Schiff	Sutton	Westmoreland
Schmidt	Tanner	Whitfield
Schock	Taylor	Wilson (OH)
Schrader	Teague	Wilson (SC)
Schwartz	Terry	Wittman
Scott (GA)	Thompson (MS)	Wolf
Scott (VA)	Thompson (PA)	Woolsey
Sensenbrenner	Thornberry	Wu
Serrano	Tiahrt	Yarmuth
Sessions	Tiberi	Young (FL)
Shadegg	Tierney	

NOT VOTING—40

Bachmann	Gerlach	Putnam
Barrett (SC)	Grayson	Rahall
Becerra	Grijalva	Rothman (NJ)
Bilbray	Hinchey	Rush
Bilirakis	Holden	Sestak
Blunt	Inglis	Shuster
Boozman	Jackson Lee	Sires
Brady (PA)	(TX)	Souder
Costa	Kirk	Stark
Culberson	Manzullo	Thompson (CA)
Davis (AL)	McCaul	Towns
Diaz-Balart, M.	Paul	Wamp
Dicks	Platts	Young (AK)
Flake	Price (GA)	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members have 2 minutes in which to record their vote.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 5015

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 5015.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 1508

Mr. NADLER of New York. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 1508, a bill originally introduced by Representative Wexler of Florida, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

JOSHUA'S HEART FOUNDATION

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize two outstanding constituents from my district in South Florida: Claudia McLean and her 9-year-old son Joshua Williams who founded Joshua's Heart Foundation 4 years ago.

Next month, Joshua and Claudia will be honored by the Sodexo Foundation at its annual dinner right here in Washington, DC.

The Joshua Heart Foundation's mission is to work toward ending global hunger as part of an overall community effort. Once a month, Joshua's organization distributes food, in addition to feeding the homeless every week. They deliver food to the sick, the elderly and the helpless. Currently, food is provided for over 100 homeless people and about 450 families on a monthly basis.

Claudia and Joshua, I would like to commend you for your service to our community and indeed our Nation. Thank you for your dedication and your commitment to improving the lives of South Floridians in need.

PROTECTING THE INNOVATION AND JOBS IN THE MEDICAL DEVICE INDUSTRY

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, the medical device industry is a Minnesotan and American success story. The innovation it fosters means longer lives, healthier patients, good-paying jobs, and economic growth.

Just this morning, I attended a town hall meeting in Minnesota with the new head of the FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Dr. Jeffrey Shuren. Dr. Shuren and his team were in town to hear from device manufacturers, doctors and patients. I applaud his willingness and his team's willingness to listen.

As the FDA looks to the future, it is critical that it strikes the right balance—protecting patients from harm while not hindering the availability of lifesaving innovations. An uncertain, unpredictable approval process for devices could absolutely reduce options for patients down the road. We need to keep the innovation here. We need to keep the jobs here. We need to keep the technology and the patient care here in the United States. That's why we need an effective process that protects patients while fostering the innovation and economic growth that this industry provides.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of Jan-

uary 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

USE MORE STICKS, FEWER CARROTS WITH AFGHANISTAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, last week's state visit did absolutely nothing to ease serious concerns about the leadership of Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai. Our counterterrorism strategy is supposed to depend on having a stable, responsive, transparent, democratic government that enjoys the confidence of the Afghan people. Instead, Mr. Karzai's government has proven itself to be irresponsible and ineffective in a way that jeopardizes his country's future and the safety of American troops. Karzai has lashed out at the United States, even threatening at one point to join the Taliban. And our own Ambassador to Afghanistan has publicly questioned his reliability as a strategic partner.

While we have no choice but to have a dialogue with President Karzai, it is critical that our approach to this relationship involve at least as many sticks as carrots. We owe the American people some assurance that we are not letting the Afghan Government misuse our tax dollars with impunity.

Mr. Speaker, the Center for American Progress has a new report that discusses the crisis of governance in Afghanistan. The government, it says, "operates on a highly centralized patronage model in which power and resources are channeled through Karzai's personal and political allies. The system lacks the connection, the rules, and the checks and balances necessary to make leaders truly accountable to the domestic population."

One of the allies, Mr. Speaker, referenced in the report is Karzai's brother, a thuggish political boss who rules Kandahar with an iron fist. There is evidence that he operates his own militia and is actively involved in the drug trade. The report goes on to note that our Afghanistan strategy has overemphasized the military solution and neglected the critical task of helping build viable state organs, especially at the local level.

In Marja, for example, we left no government infrastructure behind after the military cleared out the Taliban. Our single-minded focus on using hard power to vanquish terrorists just isn't working. The Taliban remains a potent political force; and the more government fails to provide basic services, the more likely are the Afghan people to rush into the arms of the Taliban.

The answer, Mr. Speaker, is the smart security platform. I have been advocating this smart security platform for years. Instead of a military surge which represents more of the same old failed policy, what we clearly need is an aggressive civilian surge.